

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware. The work session commenced at 9:18 a.m. but was called to order at 10:25 a.m. when a quorum was present.

Present were: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, Terry M. Whittaker and Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director. Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle was also present.

Others in attendance included Secretary of Education Steven Godowsky, Karen Field Rogers, Amelia Hodges and Candice Brooks.

ESSA Overview and Discussion

Ms. Rogers provided a brief overview noting that this work session was one opportunity for the Board to provide feedback similar to the discussion questions in the community conversations. The discussion of ideas focused on measures of school success and public reporting and what measures should be used to determine the quality of our public schools and how do those measures differ for elementary, middle and high school. Also discussed was student/school support improvement and how the state can help districts, schools and educators followed by supporting excellent educators for all students and educator compensation and supports and resources and recruitment and retention of teachers.

The work session adjourned at 11:57 a.m.